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1. In North Korea a major means of inter-urban travel is by passenger trucks. These trucks are owned by the government, and tickets for trips are sold in the towns. some were covered and some were not.
2. There are virtually no private autos in North Korea, and perhaps it is for this reason that police are seldom encountered on out-of-town roads. Only the highest-level officials have government autos at their disposal, and even their gas supply is strictly rationed. Government and military cars have different kinds of license plates, and there may be licenses for cars in other categories.
3. Much traveling is done on bicycles and horseback. Although there may be controls on travel by truck, there are any on bicycle or horseback trips. However, whenever a traveler wishes to spend a night in a town he must check in with the local police.
4. Matters concerning housing also involve registration with the police. A person moving to a new house has to register shortly after moving into his new home, and registration includes giving biographic information etc. Should one ever wish to move, the police need not allow him to unless he can offer a good reason. There is, however, no space control in housing. One can live in as large a house as he can afford.
5. There is much government housing in North Korea. The government rents space in housing developments on the basis of the job and position of the applicant -- thus, a high-ranking supervisor in an essential industry will take precedence over a worker in a less important industry. These regulations on housing may have been tightened up since the bombings.

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